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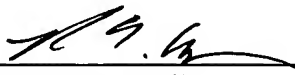
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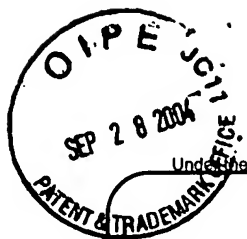
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10/180,864; 09/875,315; 10/453,835; 09/875,332; 10/335,694; 09/875,473;
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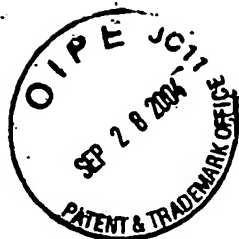
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10001US	Double-Transducer System for PEMF Therapy	07/586,505	9/21/1990	5,181,902	1/26/1993	AMEI Technologies Inc.
10001US-C	Double-Transducer System for PEMF Therapy	07/962,251	10/16/1992	5,269,747	12/14/1993	AMEI Technologies Inc.
10002US	Contoured Triangular Transducer System for PEMF Therapy	07/638,219	1/7/1991	5,195,941	3/23/1993	AMEI Technologies Inc.
10002US-D	Method for Fabricating a Contoured Triangular Transducer System for PEMF Therapy	07/973,681	11/9/1992	5,351,389	10/4/1994	AMEI Technologies Inc.
10002US-D2	Contoured Triangular Transducer System for PEMF Therapy	08/186,383	1/25/1994	5,401,233	3/28/1995	AMEI Technologies Inc.
10003US	Conformable PEMF Transducer	07/677,665	3/29/1991	5,314,401	5/24/1994	AMEI Technologies Inc.
10004US	Apparatus for Distributed Bone Growth Stimulation	07/827,002	1/28/1992	5,304,210	4/19/1994	AMEI Technologies Inc.
10005US-C	Method for Representing a Patient's Treatment Site as Data for Use with a CAD or CAM Device	08/158,732	11/29/1993	5,452,407	9/19/1995	AMEI Technologies Inc.
10006US-C1	Implantable Bone Growth Stimulator and Method of Operation	08/186,230	1/24/1994	5,441,527	8/15/1995	AMEI Technologies Inc.
10006US-DES	Implantable Tissue Growth Stimulator	29/004,975	2/17/1993	Des. 353,889	12/27/1994	AMEI Technologies Inc.
10007US	Implantable Growth Tissue Stimulator and Method Operation	08/018,944	2/17/1993	5,565,005	10/15/1996	AMEI Technologies Inc.
10007US-C	Implantable Growth Tissue Stimulator and Method of Operation	08/730,493	10/11/1996	5,766,231	6/16/1998	AMEI Technologies Inc.
10008US	Apparatus and Method for Stimulating Tissue Growth with Ultrasound	08/239,401	5/5/1994	5,524,624	6/11/1996	AMEI Technologies Inc.

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10009US	Combined Programmer and Monitor for an Implantable Tissue Growth Stimulator	29/004,938	2/17/1993	Des. 361,555	8/22/1995	AMEI Technologies Inc.
10011US	System and Method for Installing a Spinal Fixation System at Variable Angles	08/079,150	6/17/1993	5,304,179	4/19/1994	AMEI Technologies Inc.
10012US	Spinal Fixation Systems with Bifurcated Connectors	08/105,974	8/12/1993	5,437,669	8/1/1995	AMEI Technologies Inc.
10013US-C	Inflatable Lumber Traction Vest	08/806,424	2/26/1997	5,704,904	1/6/1998	AMEI Technologies Inc.
10013US-C -CIP	Inflatable Wearable Traction Device	09/015,715	1/29/1998	5,950,628	9/14/1999	AMEI Technologies Inc.
10013US-CIP	Inflatable Spinal Traction Device	08/580,708	12/29/1995	5,724,993	3/10/1998	AMEI Technologies Inc.
10014US	High Efficiency Pulsed Electromagnetic Field (PEMF) Stimulation Therapy Method and System	08/742,512	11/1/1996	5,743,844	4/28/1998	AMEI Technologies Inc.
10014US-CIP1	Flexible Coil Pulsed Electromagnetic Field (PEMF) Stimulation Therapy System	09/033,045	3/2/1998	6,261,221	7/17/2001	AMEI Technologies Inc.
10014US-CIP2	Pulsed Electromagnetic Field (PEMF) Stimulation Therapy System with Bi-Phasic Coil	09/033,032	3/2/1998	6,132,362	10/17/2000	AMEI Technologies Inc.
10015US	Battery Compartment	08/846,649	5/1/1997	6,117,575	9/12/2000	AMEI Technologies Inc.
10016US	Cervical Collar with Integrated Electrical Circuitry for Electromagnetic Field Therapy	09/084,525	5/26/1998	6,024,691	2/15/2000	AMEI Technologies Inc.
10017US	PEMF Stimulator for Treating Osteoporosis and Stimulating Tissue Growth	09/365,157	7/30/1999	6,418,345	7/9/2002	AMEI Technologies Inc.

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10017US-D	PEMF Stimulator for Treating Osteoporosis and Stimulating Soft Tissue Growth	10/135,662	4/29/2002			AMEI Technologies Inc.
10018US	Combined Tissue/Bone Growth Stimulator and External Fixation Device	09/526,136	3/14/2000	6,678,562	1/13/2004	AMEI Technologies Inc.
10019US	High Tibial Osteotomy Method and Apparatus	09/525,992	3/14/2000	6,423,061	7/23/2002	AMEI Technologies Inc.
10019US-CIP	Osteotomy Guide and Method	10/180,864	6/26/2002			AMEI Technologies Inc.
10021US-1	Traction Device Adjustment Mechanism and Method	09/875,315	6/5/2001	6,635,025	10/21/2003	AMEI Technologies Inc.
10021US-1D	Traction Device Adjustment Mechanism and Method	10/453,835	6/3/2003			AMEI Technologies Inc.
10021US-2	Lifting Mechanism for a Traction Device	09/875,332	6/5/2001	6,533,740	3/18/2003	AMEI Technologies Inc.
10021US-2C	Traction Device and Associated Lifting Mechanisms	10/335,694	1/2/2003			AMEI Technologies Inc.
10021US-3	Canting Mechanism for an Ambulatory Support Device	09/875,473	6/5/2001			AMEI Technologies Inc.
10021US-3D	Canting Mechanism for an Ambulatory Support Device	10/453,305	6/3/2003			AMEI Technologies Inc.
10021US-4	Traction Device	09/875,486	6/5/2001	6,689,082	2/10/2004	AMEI Technologies Inc.
10023US	Measurement Device for Fitting a Bracing Device	10/154,695	5/23/2002			AMEI Technologies Inc.
10026US	Fixation Device and Method for Treating Contractures and Other Orthopedic Indications	10/629,192	7/29/2003			AMEI Technologies Inc.
10029US	Ambulatory Cyclic Traction Device	10/370,823	2/20/2003			AMEI Technologies Inc.
10030US-1	Dynamically Adjustable Stabilization Brace	10/407,052	4/3/2003			AMEI Technologies Inc.

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10030US-2	Brace with Integrated Lumber Support System	10/713,880	11/13/2003			AMEI Technologies Inc.
10031US	Apparatus and Method for Maintaining Bones in a Healing Position	10/712,574	11/13/2003			AMEI Technologies Inc.
10032US	Field Adjustable Traction Device	10/393,541	3/20/2003			AMEI Technologies Inc.



STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)

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